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Dear Mr. Murtagh,

Bob Livingston has sent me a copy of your letter of the 19th. I am the investigator on the Ray case. And I am familiar with your views (and appreciate them) having caught you on TV.

Unlike those called "buffs" and "researchers" interested in the political assassinations I have a non-criminal investigative background (U.S. Senate and worked with FBI) and was an intelligence analyst. You probably are not familiar with my work on the JFK and King cases. A new JFK book is about to appear. But it stacks. So well that after flying all the way to New York City for some free publicity, Percy Foreman fled the studio with his make-up on when he learned he was to confront me. We were on TV with an empty chair for he who asks to be called "The Texas Tiger."

There is no reasonable doubt that Ray was not at the scene of the crime at the time it was committed and for a period prior to that. Trials record few such airtight and completely legitimate alibis as I have. In an ordinary criminal proceeding, the state's evidence would not be enough for the case to go to the jury. It is quite unlike what the FBI told its agents. And were they not FBI agents, some of those who filed affidavits would have concerns about perjury.

Because the evidence I have gathered is so definitive and because I do not believe what I have done is all that secret, I am anxious to prepare against a new frame-up. The nature of one is known to me but I also do not assume that of the locals is or need be the ~~xxx~~ only one. The FBI did virtually 100% of the work on the Ray case and when we get to trial it is going to have some problems.

My problems are greater than they would ordinarily be in a case where one man is pitted against so many all of whom have official status, influence and means. This ~~xxx~~ work, which is volunteer, has left me broke and in debt.

I believe that both before and after the Bureau decided to pin a lone-assassin bum rap on Ray it distributed much information and many leads the import of which may well not have been comprehensible to agents working out of various field offices. I know of some. I know of others who were sought, for example. I would like to be able to discuss this with you at some mutually-convenient time and place. With the work I have done something might come of it.

I live about an hour from Washington, if you ever get there. And it is not unlikely that when my new book comes out I will be in New York City. If there is anything you can send me I would, of course, appreciate it.

I subscribe to your theory about the Right, by the way, and have evidence that tends to accredit it. Not just theory and belief. It thus may be that if you know former agents in the cities involved whose principles and beliefs are like yours they could be helpful.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg